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SUBJ: FIFTH COMMITTEE: COORDINATION OF WEOG POSITIONS ON
AGENDA ITEMS

REF: USUN 4848

1. WEOG FIFTH COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS WILL BE COORDINATING
POSITIONS THIS WEEK ON SEVERAL ITEMS OF MORE THAN ORDINARY
INTEREST TO USG WHICH ALREADY HAVE COME UP IN COMMITTEE OR
ARE SCHEDULED TO COME UP SOON. THESE INCLUDE:

A. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION--
ESPECIALLY GENEVA GENERAL SERVICE SALARY SCHEDULE ISSUE;

B. ALLOWANCE FOR INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUA-
TION IN 1978-1979 PROGRAM BUDGET;

C. FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS; AND

D. UNEF/UNDOF RENEWAL.

2. AS REGARDS REPORT OF ICSC, WEOG UP TO NOW HAS CONCEN-
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TRATED EXCLUSIVELY UPON GENEVA GENERAL SERVICE SALARY
ISSUE. USG, OF COURSE, ALSO HAS VIEWS REGARDING POST AD-
JUSTMENT AND RECLASSIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL LEVEL
POSITIONS IN SECRETARIAT. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INJECT
US VIEWS INTO THINKING WEOG DELS IN ORDER REGISTER
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THESE QUESTIONS.

3. WEOG DELEGATIONS ARE DIVIDED OVER ISSUE OF FULL VS SEMI-FULL BUDGETING. SOME REGARD SEMI-FULLBUDGETING AS OPEN INVITATION TO SECRETARIAT TO RETURN FOR FULL INFLATION ALLOWANCE AT MID POINT IN UN BUDGET BIENNIUM. IN ADDITION, AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION IS LEADING SMALL CAMPAIGN, AGAINST STAUNCH OPPOSITION OF ACABQ MEMBERS IN WEOG, TO PROPOSE A GENERAL, ACROSS-THE-BOARD REDUCTION IN PROGRAM BUDGET--POSSIBLY IN INFLATION ALLOWANCE--AS FINAL ACT OF FIFTH COMMITTEE.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS SEPARATELY BEEN INFORMED OF PAKISTAN DELEGATIONS'S ACTIVITIES IN REGARD TO FINANCIAL EMERGENCY. THERE IS GENERAL SUPPORT IN WEOG FOR CONTINUING COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL EMERGENCY IN EXISTENCE, WITH SOME SLIGHT DIVERGENCIES AS TO GLOSS THAT SHOULD BE PUT ON PAKISTANI INITIATED RESOLUTIONS.

5. ON UNEF/UNDOF THERE ARE A FEW INDICATIONS THAT TROOP CONTRIBUTOR COUNTRIES MAY COMPLAIN VERY LOUDLY IN FIFTH COMMITTEE OVER SYG PROPOSAL HOLD REIMBURSEMENTS TO \$680 FOR OFFICERS WITH \$200 BONUS FOR SPECIALISTS. RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST WILL PRESUMABLY INDICE A MEASURE OF RESTRAINT IN FIFTH COMMITTEE DISCUSSION THIS ISSUE, BUT DELEGATION COULD REQUIRE FAIRLY CLOSE GUIDANCE IN EVENT THERE ARE FURTHER FAST-BREAKING EVENTS.

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6. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL HAVE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO PROVIDE ON ABOVE ISSUES BY COB WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.
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